

# *Veronica verna* L.

Spring Speedwell

Key:

**Dots** refer to the native sites of the species

**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## *Starting references*

### **Family**

Scrophulariaceae

### **IUCN category (2001)**

Endangered

### **Habit**

Herb (annual).

### **Habitat**

Short grassland and uncultivated, in stony areas.

### **Reasons for decline**

### **Distribution in wild**

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Near Icklingham, W. Suffolk	2	1-50

### *Ex situ Collections*

#### **Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species**

- 1 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 2 Docwra's Manor
- 3 Mark Hall Arboretum
- 4 RHS Hyde Hall
- 5 Writtle College

#### **Gardens of specialisation on family**

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Exeter University

Harris Garden

Royal Botanic Garden Kew

University of Bristol Botanic Garden

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Ventnor Botanic Garden

#### **Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections**

From Cambridge University Botanic Garden, *Conservation Collection*, from the 1970s to the 1990s:

Seed Compost

Sterilized loam: containing 1:1:1<sup>1/2</sup> oz:3/4 oz sphagnum peat/ sand (all finely sieved)/ superphosphate/ ground chalk.

Potting Compost

For JI 1 level, 2:1:1:4 oz: 3/4 oz loam/ peat/ small stone/ 'Vitax Q4'/ ground chalk.

For JI 12, a further 4 oz 'Plantasan'.

For JI 13, a further 8 oz 'Plantasan'.

"Chalk is to my mind the only optional item, in that plants don't actually have a requirement for it; its action is more one of blocking certain nutrient. But since most of the plants we are growing are from areas where alkaline conditions prevail, I add chalk as a rule.

### *Conservation information*

#### **Linkages to BAPs**

Suffolk LBAP.

#### **Habitat Management**

Protected sites with records for *V. verna* are listed on <http://www.searchnbn.net>

**Conservation programmes**

The species has been introduced to two County Trust reserves, where it is flourishing.

**Web References**

- Image: [http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web\\_pages/veronica\\_verna\\_spring\\_speedwell.htm](http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web_pages/veronica_verna_spring_speedwell.htm)
- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>